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The events of early May have utterly changed the political terrain of America. As to how and to what extent is still unclear as the smoke is really just beginning to clear in LA and nationwide. Nonetheless, American political reality has been massively altered. Further, the declining economic and social conditions add uncertainty and definite uneasiness (even fear) about the future situation of America. As one article (Notes from Babylon, pg. 8) in this issue of Slingshot points out- that the future may well be "up for grabs".

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## Letter Responding to Homosexuality Article

While I generally enjoyed your Spring '92 issue, I'd like to comment on one article. "How Does (Do?) Homosexuality and Bisexuality Threaten Male Dominance" came close in my opinion to asserting homo/bisexuality as more politically correct than heterosexuality. This reminded me of similar assertions in the Berkeley anarchist milieu of the mid-70s. The man who was most insistent on this viewpoint was within a year of joining the ranks of the "perfect master" guru.

I tend to believe (and recent evidence supports this) that sexual orientation is largely physically determined, although social circumstances provide the packaging. The most intense parental and social repression has not been capable of "straightening out" gay individuals. Consistently throughout history cultures have been ten percent gay, and up to twenty percent bisexual. Mere "tolerance" is unacceptable; one tolerates drought, or adverse conditions in general. Gayness and Bisexuality must be absolutely accepted as valid and natural expressions of human sensuality/sexuality.

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homo/bisexuality as being *inherently* more radical and a threat to patriarchy was somewhat plausible, although much evidence to the contrary already existed. Today, there is far more evidence. Gay politicians are in office in many places, and more than a few corporate execs have come out. Needless to say, they have been anything but threatening to the status quo; in fact they have helped to legitimate it. Gay San Francisco Supervisor Carol Migden is supporting the openly reactionary Congressman Mel Levine for the US Senate (not that anyone would be worth supporting), and gay Congressman Barney Frank is busy writing articles urging the Democratic Party to take a tough law-and-order stance. Rich gays act to maximize their wealth at the expense of the rest of us, gay and straight.

Throughout history, a disturbing mysogynistic element has existed within gay male culture. Many top Nazis, e.g. Herman Goehring, were gay, and at the same time were advocates of rather extreme patriarchy. Many straights do freak out at even the thought of, let alone the sight of, men being sexual with another. But that's a testimonial only to the power of bigotry, not to the possible threat gay sexuality actually poses. Within the lesbian community, one can unfortunately still find power trips in sexual and other relations. The desire expressed by some within that community to retreat into their own "island" only reinforces the separation which the powers-that-be try so hard to foist on us any way.

The wider public (the campus and the larger community) that you and I are trying to reach and influence is predominantly heterosexual. Our ability to communicate with it will hardly be helped by expressing an exclusive attitude vis-a-vis sexuality. But far beyond the strategic considerations, I think compulsion of any sort is contrary to the society I wish to help create, in which all individuals will be free to

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### Squats, Repression, and the EEC

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April 24

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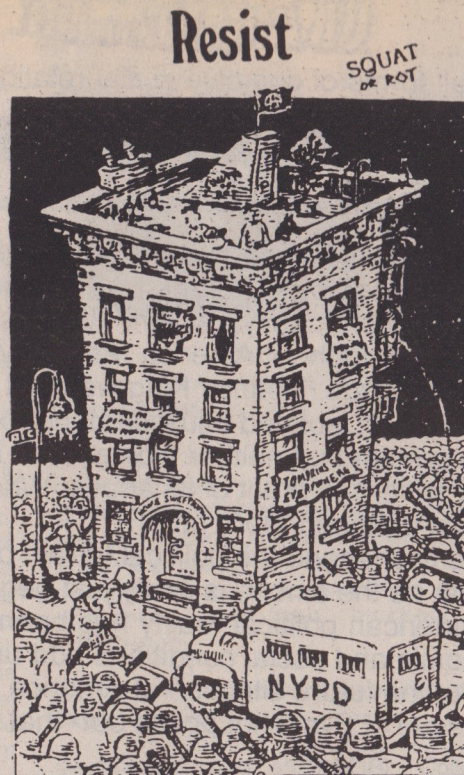
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Our culture is rooted in, among other things, patriarchy or male dominance. Compulsory heterosexuality is one of the oppressive devices that the patriarchal system uses. Homosexuals and bisexuals reject the traditional gender roles which are used to assert male domination. Anybody who rejects that oppression, and struggles against it, is a threat to the patriarchy.

Nothing in the article suggests the idea of compulsory homosexuality. Why is it that whenever queers talk about their sexuality in political and revolutionary terms, straight people are so quick to accuse us of oppressing them. Get over it. Jack, I don't care that you have never been sexually attracted to a man, and I'm not sure what that has to do with the



article. Het pride maybe? Sounds kinda like white pride to me.

Straw goes on to show that not all homo and bisexuals are politically correct. This goes to show that queerness is not inherently subversive. That is ridiculous. Colin Powell is head of the U.S. armed forces, and Clarence Thomas sits on the Supreme Court. Does that mean the struggle of African-Americans is not inherently subversive?

People who subscribe to that kind of argument miss one major point. Despite the fact that members of any group have historically allied themselves with the system that is attempting to oppress them, the

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Given luck, more time and more fresh people joining the collective, the process of producing Slingshot will continue to improve, getting more participatory, democratic and inclusive. There is certainly still a lot of room for improvement.

Now is a great time to join us. Bring skills you already have or learn new ones. We are planning a meeting to evaluate this issue for sometime in June and regular weekly meetings are tentatively set for Sundays at 7 p.m. at Chateau Co-op, 2545 Hilligass St, Berkeley. Or send a note to the address below and we'll contact you.

Unnamed people, possibly friends of Slingshot, have been talking about making a low-wattage, Berkeley, underground radio station. Send us a note and maybe they'll get it and contact you if you

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In order to produce this issue we had to borrow money from our staff and spend all the money we already had. Please Help! Send your money, send your valuables, send everything. Yeah.

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# LAPD: A case study in racist violence

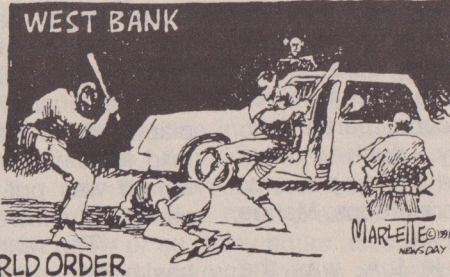
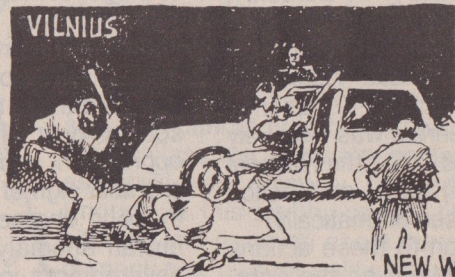
*Excerpts from a speech by Kamal Hassan of the New African People's Organization, given April 27, 1991.*

Over the last decade, Daryl Gates has become a symbol of police terrorism in Los Angeles. In 1981 our community was outraged over the inordinate number of our people being killed by police officers using the bar-arm choke hold. The community rose up and challenged the police department and Daryl Gates on this. Gates' response was to say that it wasn't the police officer's fault; it was just that the structure of Black people's throats was different than that of normal people, so they couldn't withstand this chokehold.

On August 1, 1989 approximately 80 LAPD officers attacked 50 Black people on the street in our community, at 39th and Dalton. They completely destroyed four homes. They took people's clothing, put it in the middle of the floor and poured bleach on it. They wrote graffiti on the walls saying "LAPD rules." They broke all the windows in the houses, destroyed dishes, took food out of the refrigerators and threw it all over the houses, ripped out plumbing and left the place under water. They completely destroyed staircases, making it impossible for people to get to their homes.

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policeman has shot and killed someone in Los Angeles and been brought up on criminal charges for incorrect use of his weapon.

One of the things that has been discovered through the organizing around the King incident is that there are a lot of white supremacist gangs in the police department. They have one called the West Side Whiteys in West LA. There is one called the Vikings, and there's the Grim Reapers. These are gangs of police officers who have ties to local white supremacist organizations that are out there on the streets beating, maiming, and killing our people, and they have nothing to fear from the law.

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**July 1, 1990** -- Eric James Smith, 19, was beaten several times over the head, forced to the ground and then beaten some more by the OPD.

**July 3, 1990** -- Jermaine Adams, 18, rape suspect, was shot in the back of the head and killed while running from police. Adams was murdered by OPD officer Mike Pointer who is still a member of the force.

**October 16, 1990** -- Darrell Hampton, a nationally known girls' track coach and activities director at West Oakland's ACORN housing project, was struck repeatedly in the face and stomach and pushed down a flight of stairs by officers Michael Yoell and Alexander Boyvoich. His crime? Hampton, a Police Activities League volunteer, had only asked the officers not to speed through the housing complex because there were many children present. Yoell and Boyvoich both have long histories of misconduct and are still working for the OPD.

**October 29, 1990** -- Michael Moseley, 21, a "drug suspect" was beaten over the head 15-20 times by police batons on Market Street. Police had no proof that Moseley was doing anything illegal, and this kind of beating has been known to cause permanent brain damage.

**May 15, 1991** -- Marguerite Martin, a visitor from North Carolina, was beaten by officer Inga Winkle for refusing to sign a jaywalking ticket.

**June 15, 1991** -- Three men, including Robert Woods-Jones, son of prominent civil activist and Laney college professor Dezie Woods-Jones, were brutally beaten with no provocation by police at Jack London Square.

**July 1991** -- Three youth were beaten on their heads, handcuffed, and threatened at gunpoint for distributing flyers on Webster Street.

**July 1991** -- Michael Seymour, who had recently won an earlier brutality case against OPD, was badly beaten by officers at 84th Ave. and Dowling St. Seymour suffered a broken jaw among other injuries.

**Summer 1991** -- Darnell Livingston, a community drug counselor, was beaten and cursed by racist police who claimed he was a drug dealer because he is black and wore "lots of jewelry and a beeper."

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The 609 initially deported were most likely coerced into signing voluntary deportation papers which many of them may not have understood completely. Many of those still in custody have no permanent accommodations and are being shuttled every night at about

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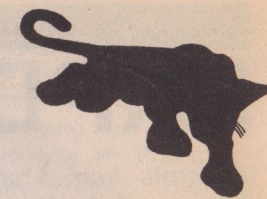
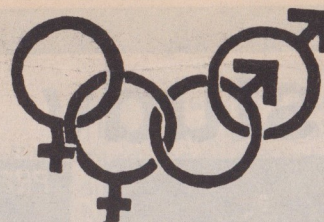
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## Liberal Whining: **"Hey, that's not in the constitution..."**

The verdict in the Rodney King beating triggered the largest social upheaval in this country since the late sixties. Although most of the attention was focused on Los Angeles, the reaction, on both sides, throughout the country were largely the same: from the communities outrage; from the cops: martial law, state-of-emergency, dusk-to-dawn curfew, expanded-police-powers, National Guard, federal troops, Marine Corps.

The scene in L.A. was the worst. Mayor Bradley, Chief Gates, Governor Wilson and President Bush sent in thousands of National Guard troops, para-military cops, and even the Seventh Infantry from Fort Ord (who carried out the invasion of Panama) to lock down and occupy Los Angeles and the surrounding area. Over 10,000 people were arrested, nearly two-thirds of which remained in jail over a week later.

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Similar measures were taken throughout the country. In Berkeley, 'leftist' Mayor Hancock and the liberal city council imposed a curfew, and the cops arrested 68. In Las Vegas the National Guard was called in. Even in places where the unrest was relatively mild, like Detroit and D.C., the National Guard was put on alert, and police patrols were increased dramatically.

The reaction to these actions has been typical. Many on the right, and some on the left have complained loudly that the police and their allies reacted too mildly. Some civil libertarians and liberals whine quietly about breaking the constitution and violating civil rights.

It is clear that those who called for a more violent police response are our enemies. We know that and they know that. As for those complaining about our civil rights and the constitution, it's not quite so clear. It is their position that we need to expose and struggle against.

Their position is basically that of the liberal loyal opposition. It rests on the idea that the system, including the cops, is basically good, but is being corrupted by a few bad apples. They maintain that the Constitution is a document that upholds personal liberty, and can be used to defend the victims of those who abuse it.

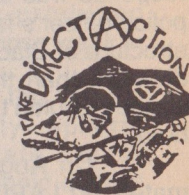
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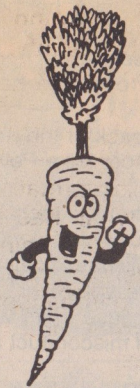
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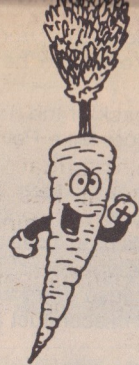
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It was not a simple matter of unthinking opposition to any sort of violence, after all these people are all strong supporters of the FMLN. I think many of my friends suffer from what I would call a "Peace Corps attitude," the attitude that problems, struggles, wars, etc., exist outside the U.S., mostly in the "Third World." The attitude includes a view that these problems can be solved in isolation by working in the countries where they exist or through solidarity work here.

This is a dangerous attitude because, like the Peace Corps, it distracts us from our domestic problems and masks the fact that the problems in the "under-developed" world originate in the over-developed countries, the U.S. being the worst of

them all. The only long-term solution to U.S. imperialism, both abroad and in our inner cities is revolution in the U.S.

While many progressives understand that the United States, in and of itself, is one of the world's fundamental problems, they are still unwilling to support a real revolution here. I say "support" because I have no illusions that these people will become true revolutionaries themselves, but none-the-less they should be at least building the kind of solidarity they provide to foreign revolutions. The difference is that here in the U.S. "the enemy" is not so abstract, and white, middle class progressives generally have more (perceived) connections to the elites than the oppressed. The truth, of

course, is that we are all getting fucked over. Some of us, however, have at least a minimal level of comfort and a lot of people are unwilling to risk losing their little bit of the pie in order to take the whole thing back from the elites. We are fed convenience to keep us complacent. We wait until we are directly threatened to react. It's time to look around and see that we are in danger. The curfews and arrests in San Francisco and Berkeley should be telling you something: you have no rights. Firing Dick Hongisto or Daryl Gates or a few "bad" cops won't solve the problem. The problem is a rising tide of fascism in the U.S. Wake up and start fighting it now before it grows too strong.



# Some Reflections on the Rebellion Page 5

By Bruce Kala

**"Anarchy!"** That's probably the term most used to describe what happened -- in Los Angeles and around the world -- following the Rodney King assault acquittal. The mainstream media meant it, of course, as slander -- of both the people in the streets and of anarchy. I know more than a few anarchists took it as such and that was probably also true for a lot of the other people in the streets.

But while I know anarchy wasn't achieved in Los Angeles (or anywhere else) -- I do think some important, though limited and mostly negative, steps towards anarchy were made. First, in literally dozens of cities, over various areas of space and periods of time, the state was powerless: its cops had to run for their lives and people, largely in spontaneous, informal groups, took direct control of the streets -- and a little bit of their lives. For a while at least, there was NO "archy" over them.

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Also I found it challenging and frightening, for it forces us to ask: how can the tremendous changes necessary to actually start achieving anarchy ever come about, and what, if anything, can anarchists do to speed



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The fact must be faced that looting has only extremely short-term viability as a supply solution. Very soon inventories are depleted and then things must be made, stuff grown, moved around, etc. -- and if domination is to be ended, this must all be organized directly, democratically and collectively by all those involved in the doing. But surely, it can't be the same things made the same way, the same stuff grown where and how it was, all moved to and from the same places by the same methods. We -- all participating individuals, around the world -- will have to re-examine and re-do everything.

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# THIS SECTION FOR "ADVANCED" SLINGSHOT READERS

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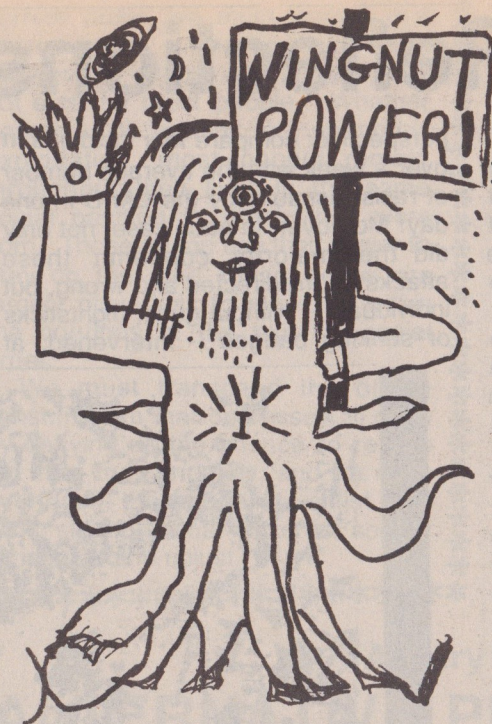


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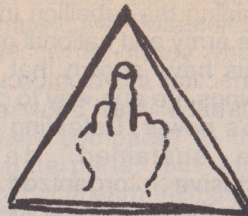
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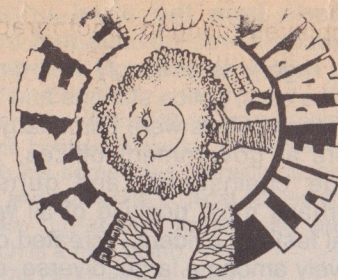
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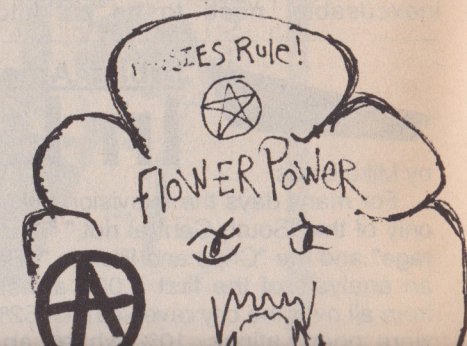
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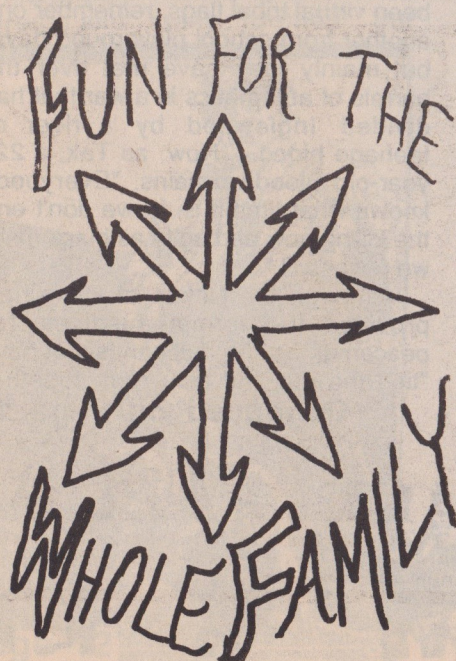


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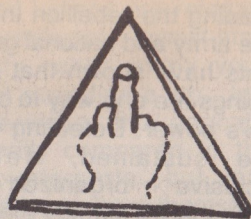
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Stefan needs money! While he alone will have to bear the burden of 3 years of probation, 60 days of Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP), and 50 hours of community service, he would appreciate it if he didn't have to bear the financial burden as well. Every little bit will help. Please send what you can.

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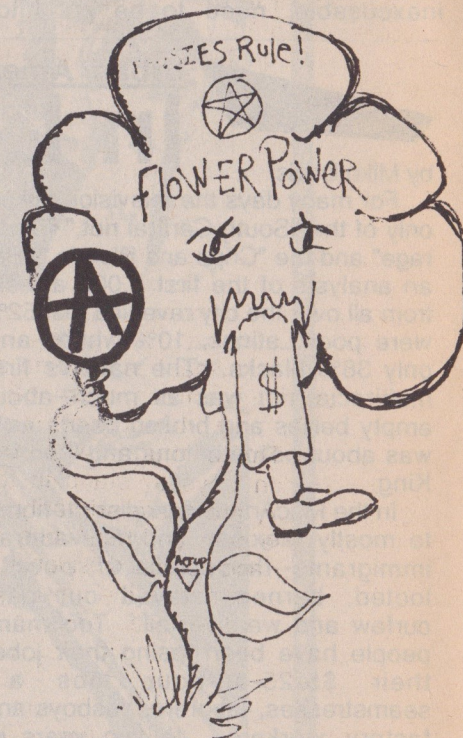
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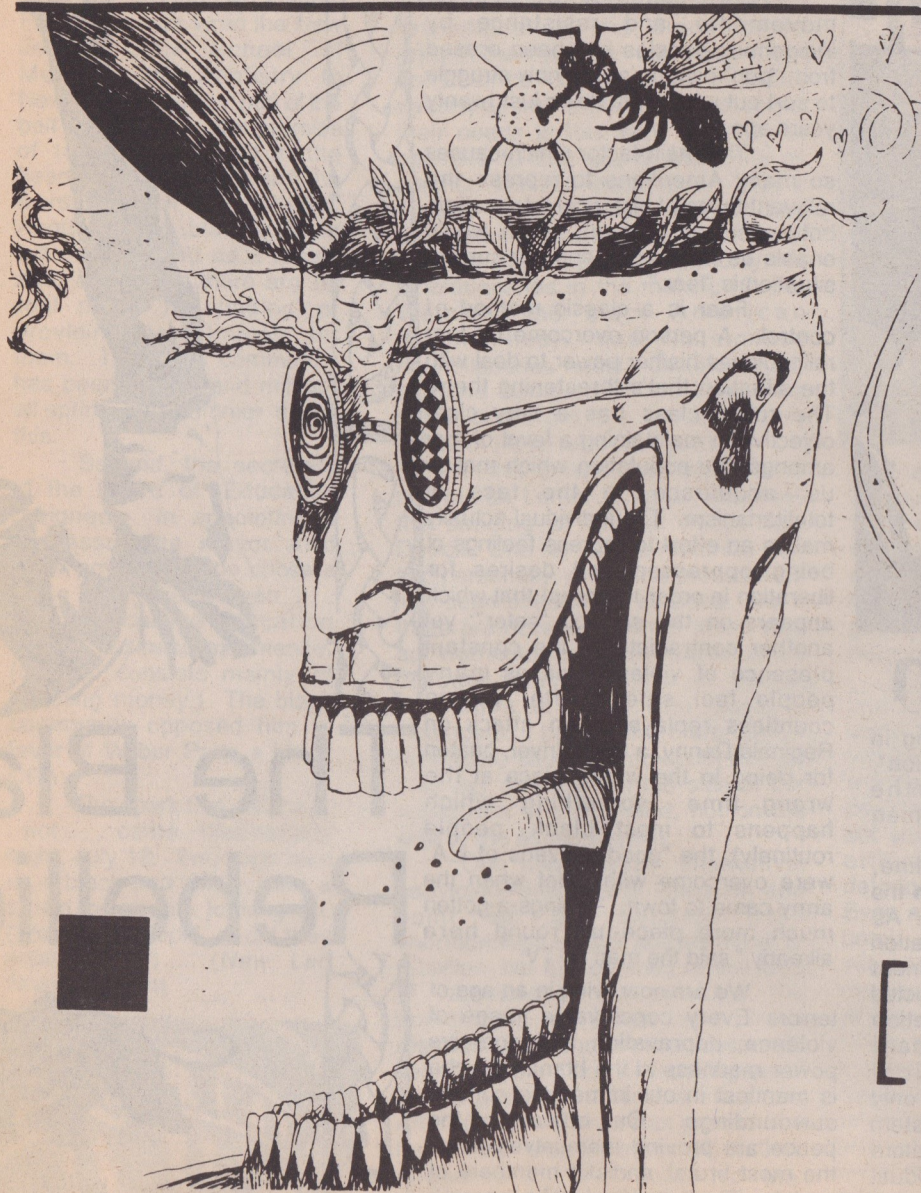
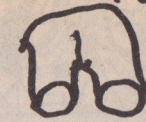
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# Berkeley Briefs



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Berkeley Earth Day in Provo Park was quite the yuppie spectacle. Mayor Loni Hancock was booed off the stage by several people for generally being a fake and sell-out. People wearing "Karma Patrol" t-shirts (re: security) didn't like that a whole lot, including Mr. "Good Karma" and '60s legend (at least in his own mind) himself, Wavy Gravy. Wavy, always one to defend the psuedo-progressive Berkeley establishment, got into a heated argument with the booers and was reportedly told to fuck off. In fact there are many '60s Berkeley burnouts and sellouts who should also consider the advice given to Wavy.

Vince from The Commemoration Committee for the Black Panther Party, was apparently kind of low on "karma" by not paying the \$25 fee to have his table there and was threatened with removal by the hard-working karma patrol. Seeing that Vince wasn't (1) selling any yuppie merchandise and (2) was one of maybe two or three activist groups representing African-American/working class issues, one might think the karma patrol would let him slip by. Not!

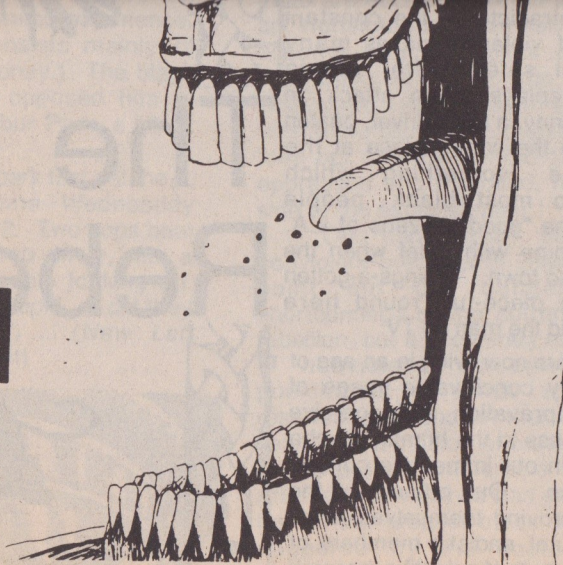
One final thought about water purification devices and other techno-fix gadgets being sold as "ecological solutions." Isn't it a better idea to try to keep the water from getting polluted in the first place than legitimizing corporate ecological destruction by inventing technology that cleans up industry's mess?

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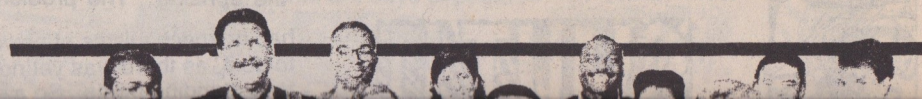
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Those who rule the university have always desired a social environment in which the programming of students could proceed uninhibited by exposure to divergent ideas and lifestyles. This vision was severely challenged by the Free Speech Movement and by the creation and battle over People's Park. The administration has been fighting this battle for a long time; no one should be naive about their motives when arresting someone in the plaza.

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Somewhere along the line, however, we have lost touch with the natural evolution of these cycles. As society moves away from integration with the natural Earth environment towards a more artificially constructed view of the world, our orientation towards "control" (a standard component of technological innovation) has permeated not only our relationship with the ecosystem but our sense of time and self. Before mass communication, the individual had a much greater awareness of his/her self in relation to history. Events of 100 years before might seem like only yesterday. Whereas today, the events of one week are forgotten the next and there are no

included slaves and women).

Two centuries of populist movements and resistance by indigenous peoples has been erased from "pop" history, as we now struggle to sort out what went down just twenty years ago.

The main factor which causes so many Americans to repress the relevant bytes of historical information, both past and present, which would enable us to comprehend our current situation is "fear."

Fear is a classic method of control. A person overcome by fear relinquishes his/her power to deal with the situation that's threatening them. The ruling class has a very clear objective in maintaining a level of fear amongst the population which makes us acquiesce in the face of totalitarianism. The individual actually makes an effort to repress feelings of being oppressed and desires for liberation in order to accept that which appears on the surface "safer"; yet another contradiction-- the constant presence of violence makes many people feel safe. After seeing countless replays of an attack on Reginald Denny, a truck driver, beaten for being in the wrong place at the wrong time (something which happens to most black people routinely), the "good" citizens of L.A. were overcome with relief when the army came to town. "Thangs-a-gotten much more piece-full 'round here allready," said the man on TV.

We are now living in an age of terror. Every conceivable image of violence, depravation and coercive power madness in the human psyche is manifest in our immediate cultural surroundings. Our officers of the peace are proving themselves to be the most brutal, sadistic members of society. The bulk of scientific research is devoted to technology of death, weaponry and biological warfare, etc. Torture has become a commonplace methodology for suppressing dissent across the globe. And the United

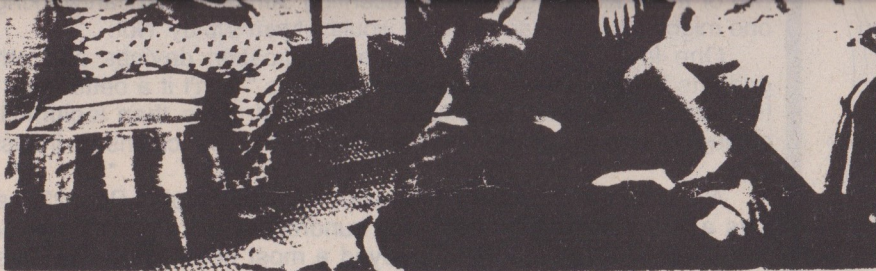


## The Black Rebellion



This essay was written by Dave Dellinger, one of the Chicago Seven, in 1967 to address the mainstream condemnation of the counterviolence occurring in Newark, Detroit, and other cities. Although it is 25 years old, there are striking parallels to our





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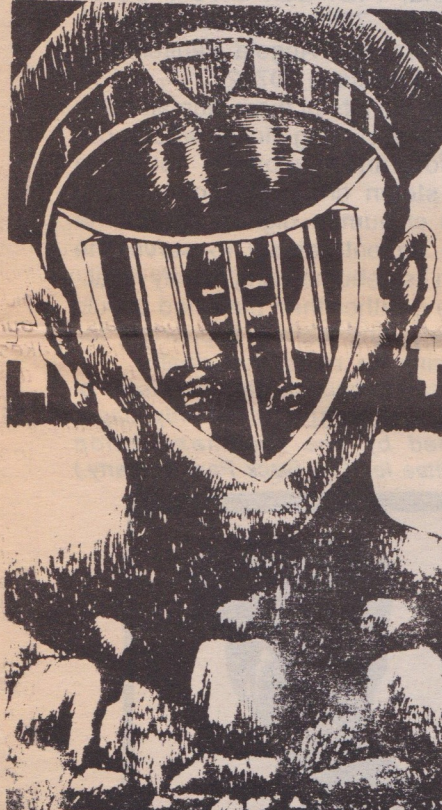
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The politics of Washington do not differ greatly from Saigon to Newark, from the Dominican Republic to Detroit (and from Iraq to L.A.). The current black revolts highlight both the hypocrisy and the futility of U.S. military intervention in Vietnam. How can a society in which millions of its own citizens fail to find jobs, housing, dignity, and meaningful democracy claim that its armed attacks on towns and villages of Vietnam have the serious purpose of bringing the benefits of land reform, economic justice, and real democracy to the Vietnamese (or the people of Central America)?

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There are some ghetto-dwellers who find it so oppressive in the United States that they are willingly in the armed forces, ready to settle for a regular pay check, a degree of integration and the opportunity to

of their buddies, so police and guardsmen were impelled to reassert their authority or revenge their slain cohorts by acts of senseless reprisal. Thus the Newark revolt, which had largely spent itself after two days of reaction to the arrest and beating of a cab driver, was transformed into a massacre on the third day, when the Newark Police Department, the New Jersey State Patrol and the National Guard decided to show the nigger who was boss.

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of federal funds from Vietnam to the United States. Massive freedom budgets at home can be as illusory as Washington-sponsored social reconstruction has been in Vietnam. Without local initiative and control by the people in whose interests the money is being spent, there can be no real dignity or self-determination. One of the characteristics of the ghetto-dwellers' present rebelliousness is resentment at having things done for them as well as to them by The Man.

The best way to combat violence is to work constructively against the cruelty and violence of the status quo. While remaining nonviolent ourselves (but nonetheless fucking shit up), we must recognize and respond to the thrust for dignity of those who strike out, however blindly at times, against the system which oppresses them. Only those who have found a sense of dignity and worth in their own lives can believe enough in the dignity and worth of other human beings to become nonviolent. Others may be subservient or submissive-but that is not nonviolence, any more than the days without arson or sniping in our cities are days of peace.



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# BEHIND THE BARS:

Techno-Fascism in the New Prisons

## **The Pelican Bay 'Security Housing Unit'**

Pelican Bay State Prison is located 7.4 miles northeast of Crescent City, near the Oregon/California border, in the most remote corner of California. Sixty percent of the prisoners are from Los Angeles, which makes visiting virtually impossible for their families. Visiting takes place through heavy glass windows over telephone, and visits last one hour and only occur on weekends. Visitors who come from over 250 miles away are allowed two-hour extensions of the visits. Rarely do visitors come to Pelican Bay.

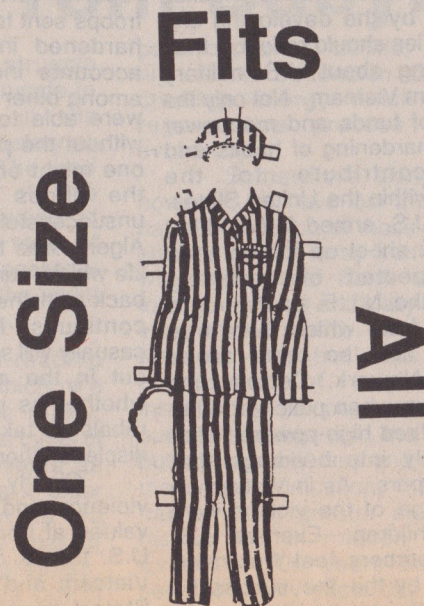
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guards as an excuse to call in the cell extraction team to give the prisoner a beating called a "tune up" or "attitude adjustment." Frequent cell changes also prevent prisoners from forming bonds and it separates jailhouse lawyers from those they are helping.

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By Mumia Abu Jamal

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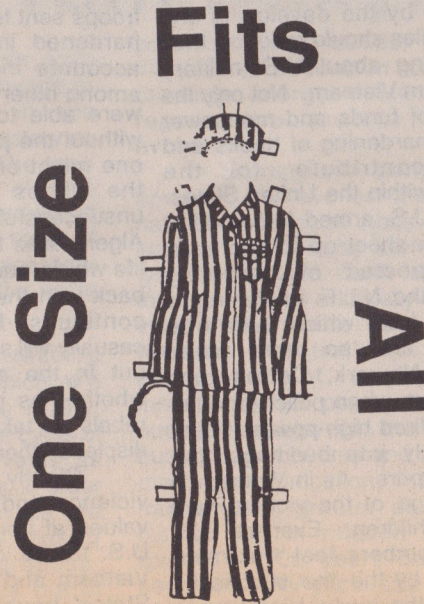
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A control unit is a facility in which there is total physical control over the prisoners. The SHU is an outgrowth of the Marion Federal model in Marion, Illinois where sensory deprivation, physical brutality and medical and psychiatric neglect are part of the torture imposed. The Pelican Bay SHU is a state-of-the-art facility that provides the model for control units being built elsewhere. There are numerous other control units in operation, being built, or planning on being built in the United States at present.

One prisoner told of how a Cell Extraction Team had shot him with wooden bullets and a stun gun, restrained him in chains and then beat him by kicking him and repeatedly hitting him with a baton. This prisoner's crime was his desire not to attend an interview with the gang taskforce coordinator.

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There are no hobbies and nothing is allowed on the bare walls. A prisoner who draws detailed line drawings as a personal diary has had the drawings repeatedly confiscated and destroyed by guards who say that such "arts and crafts" are prohibited. One man would not talk to other prisoners or file legal challenges because the guards would "mess" with him through taunting, verbal abuse racial slurs, property destruction and mail tampering.

One long-term prisoner said: "I knew a long time ago they were going to segregate the prisons by race, and now they've done it. Pelican Bay is mostly Mexicans and Blacks. It used to be that prisoners were united, but now they're divided by race. I feel sorry for the youngsters; they're harrassed and

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# Repression and Resistance

## Exposing the Racist "Violence Initiative"

The press recently drew attention to remarks by government psychiatrist Fredrick Goodwin in which he compared young inner city men to murderous, over-sexed Rhesus monkeys. Goodwin was at the time director of the giant umbrella agency, ADAMHA (Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration), and he made his controversial statements on February 11, 1992 while addressing a meeting of the National Mental Health Advisory Council. His subject was the future of federal mental health policy.

When the transcript of Goodwin's remarks became available, something more menacing was disclosed: the existence of a federal "Violence Initiative." Goodwin's comparisons between men and monkeys was set in the context of justifying a national program to study the role of genetics and biochemistry in violence, and to identify, incarcerate and treat an estimated 100,000 potential offenders.

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The Violence Initiative is essentially a biomedical approach to social problems. It is one example of a remarkably consistent viewpoint that has recycled in modern history at critical periods of social conflict in the U.S. and Europe. It rationalizes social ills and instead blames the victim—in this instance the young inner city black male—by declaring him genetically and biologically unfit.

The transformation of criminal justice issues into psychiatric issues is always a hazard to individual rights. When the focus is on the POTENTIAL for violence, the threat escalates. And finally, when EARLY DETECTION is the theme, the civil libertarian implications are horrific. One wonders if the implications of the "Violence Initiative" leave the Bill of Rights intact.

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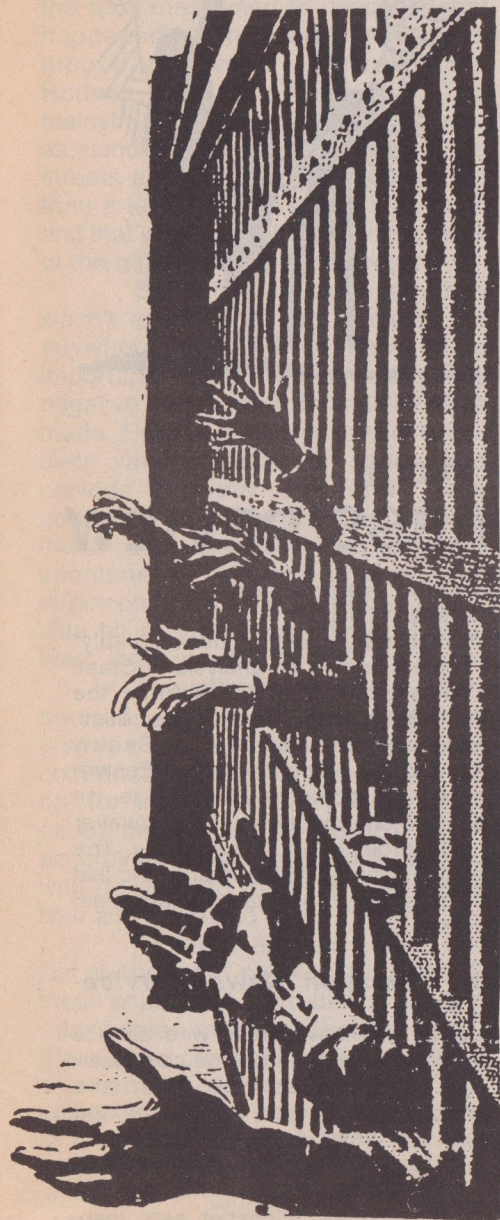
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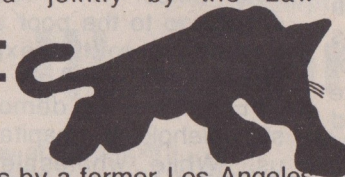
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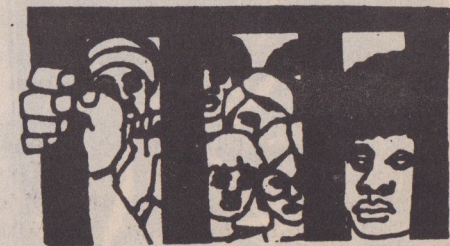
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### WHAT YOU CAN DO

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# Lessons of LA

By Matt Blowers

George Bush says that welfare has corrupted our cities. Looters angrily and sometimes gleefully claim that they are "getting back at the system." Racists everywhere simply assert that "the niggers are getting out of hand." Everybody has a politically charged opinion on the riots that followed the Rodney King verdicts because the violence and the decision that sparked it have brutally exposed some fundamental truths about our society, and they are not very pleasant.

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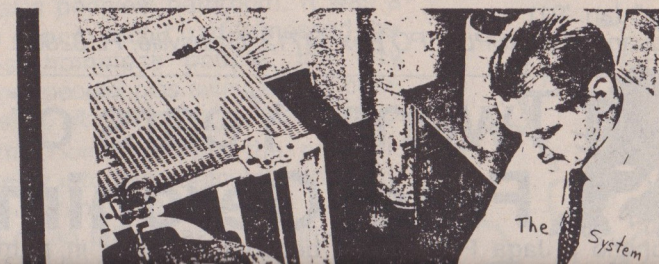
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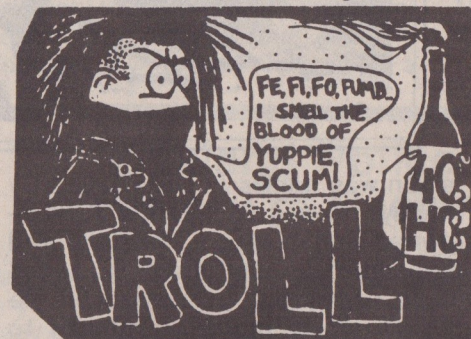
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Budget and AFDC cuts, mergers, plant closures and layoffs, increasing homelessness, tuition hikes, service cuts, more prisons, more pigs in our neighborhoods. If you didn't ten years ago, you cannot help but notice now. This is class war and we're getting our asses kicked. Frankly I'm fed up. Enough of this namby-pamby liberal bitching and moaning about the environment and corrupt politicians and a hopeless supreme court. Sure these things are bad, but recycling and going to rallies ain't gonna save the earth. Voting for Jerry Brown or Jesse Jackson ain't gonna clean up the government or end poverty, bosses and HIV. And a left-wing supreme court (even if such a thing were possible) isn't going to suddenly (or ever) rule capitalism unconstitutional.

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Emma Goldman once told the unemployed to go out and demand jobs. "If they won't give you work, demand bread. If they won't give you bread, take it!" Concerned about the law? When was the last time the law, the courts, or a cop helped you? Morals, ethics, religion? Which is worse: stealing from the rich landlords, corporate supermarkets, and department stores, or sitting idly, scraping by with what ever "legal" handouts we can get, as we and our children suffer? Robin Hood is portrayed as a hero. Each of us can be that type of hero too! Do it! It's the American thing to do! Steal yourself a little piece of the American Dream.

We can take this attitude in our protests, as well. Instead of marching up and down Market Street, or through the Mission or Fillmore districts, why not go to the neighborhoods of the wealthy and direct our anger at those who benefit from our suffering. Let's show them that we will no longer starve in the streets or work their dangerous and degrading jobs while they go out and buy multiple face lifts and tummy tucks, eat Siberian tiger meat and run off to Europe whenever the stress of bossing us around gets to be too much. Let's bring the war home, to their back yards. Let them see close up what we look like and how we feel in our crime ridden neighborhoods. Let them live in our ratty flats piled on top of each other, scared that they could be out on the streets at any moment because their sleazy landlord doesn't like their lifestyle or sexual preference! Let's shove their NIMBY back down their fat faces! They put their toxic waste dumps and cancerous factories in our neighborhoods, let's put our spraypaint and bricks in theirs. Let's make their comfort and security as tenuous as our shitty jobs. Let's take

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Often most of those corralled are more moderate demonstrators or completely innocent bystanders who don't even know what is going on. If a group of "more experienced" people are caught in the corral, it is often possible to try to get arrested first (by standing nearest the cops, being outrageous, etc.) and then link arms, etc., offering an example to the rest of the crowd.

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Finally, as general ideas, people should be more careful about bringing supplies to demonstrations such as masks and water. Be careful of hitting other demonstrators when throwing objects at the police. Trashing chain stores or expensive stores is hard to argue with but it might be good to question trashing older looking compact cars in poorer type neighborhoods, which I saw happen.

Also the scattered trashing in Chinatown of small stores and of at least one other mom & pop type store elsewhere was disturbing. These people aren't poor but they don't have the real power either--the ruling class doesn't get much of a message from their trashing and it is always these stores being trashed which are used on the news to discredit us.

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Ultimately, the only way we can win a war in which the enemy controls all the wealth, guns and ammo is to be organized, to use whatever weapons we have, and to use them creatively and wisely.

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# BURNING ILLUSIONS

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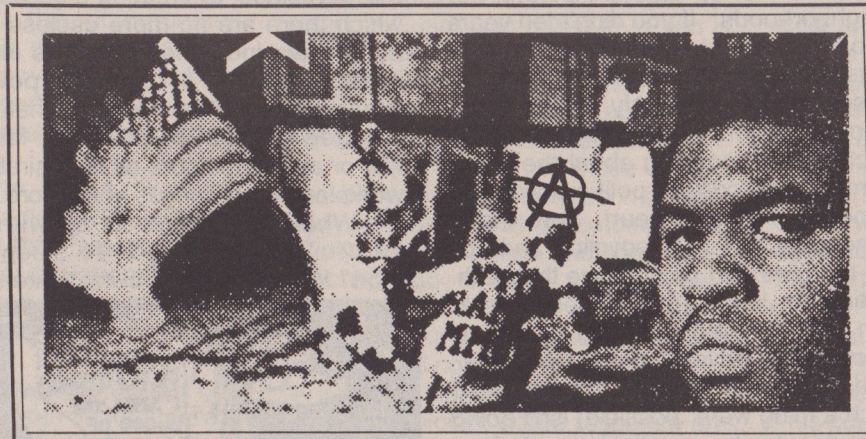
into a "black thang" are in Simi Valley. Within a few hours of the first attack on white motorists, the insatiable war between the Crips and Bloods, fueled by a thousand neighborhood vendettas and dead homeboys, was "put on hold" throughout Los Angeles.

Unlike the 1965 rebellion, which remained primarily focused on the poorer east side of the ghetto, the 1992 riot reached its maximum temperature along Crenshaw Blvd.--the very heart of black Los Angeles' more affluent west side. Television's coverage of the riot's angry edge was even more twisted than the melted steel of Crenshaw's devastated shopping centers. Most reporters--"image looters" as they are now being called in South Central--merely lip-synched suburban clichés as they trampled through the ruins of lives they had no desire to understand. A violent kaleidoscope of bewildering complexity was flattened into a single, categorical scenario: legitimate black anger over the King decision hijacked by hard-core street criminals and transformed into a maddened assault on their own community.

Local television thus unwittingly mimed the McCone Commission's summary judgement that the August 1965 Watts riot was primarily the act of a hoodlum fringe. In that case, a subsequent UCLA study revealed that the "riot of the riffraff" was in fact a popular uprising involving at least 50,000 working class adults and their

teenage children.

Yet if the riot had a broad social base, it was the participation of the gangs--or, rather, their cooperation--that gave it constant momentum and direction. If the 1965 rebellion was a hurricane, leveling one hundred blocks, the 1992 riot was a tornado, no less destructive but snaking a zigzag course through the commercial areas of the ghetto and beyond. Most of the media saw no pattern in its path, just blind, nihilistic destruction. In fact, the



arson was ruthlessly systematic. By Friday morning 90% of the Korean-owned liquor stores, markets and swapmeets in South Central L.A. had been wiped out. Deserted by the LAPD, which made no attempt to defend small businesses, the Koreans suffered damage or destruction to almost 2,000 stores.

On the grassroots level, especially among gang youth, Rodney King was

not necessarily the issue. As one of the Inglewood Bloods told me: "Rodney King? Shit, my homies be beat like dogs by the police everyday. This riot is about all the homeboys murdered by the police, about the little sister killed by the Koreans, about twenty-seven years of oppression. Rodney King just the trigger."

In the meantime, the police and military occupiers of Los Angeles give no credence to any peaceful transformation of L.A.'s black gang cultures. The ecumenical movement of the Bloods and Crips is their worst imagining: gang violence no longer random but politicized into a black

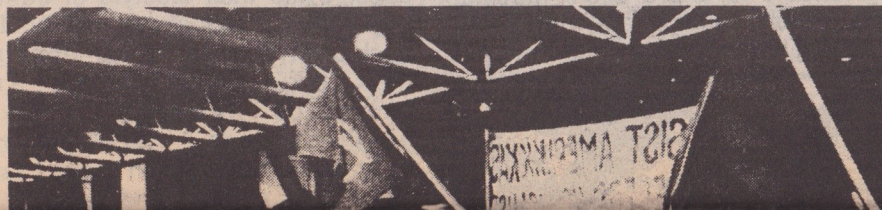
efforts to track down the supposed gang instigators of the riot. But as a veteran of the 1965 riot said while watching SWAT teams arrest some of the hundreds of rival gang members trying to meet peacefully at Watts' Jordan Downs Housing Project: "That ole fool Bush think we as dumb as Saddam. Land Marines in Compton and get hisself re-elected. But this ain't Iraq. This is Vietnam, Jack."

## The Great Fear

The 1992 riot and its possible progenies must be understood as insurrections against an intolerable political-economic order. As even the Los Angeles Times now editorially acknowledges, the "globalization of Los Angeles" has produced "devastating poverty for those weak in skills and resources."

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Local television thus unwittingly mimed the McCone Commission's summary judgement that the August 1965 Watts riot was primarily the act of a hoodlum fringe. In that case, a subsequent UCLA study revealed that the "riot of the riffraff" was in fact a popular uprising involving at least 50,000 working class adults and their

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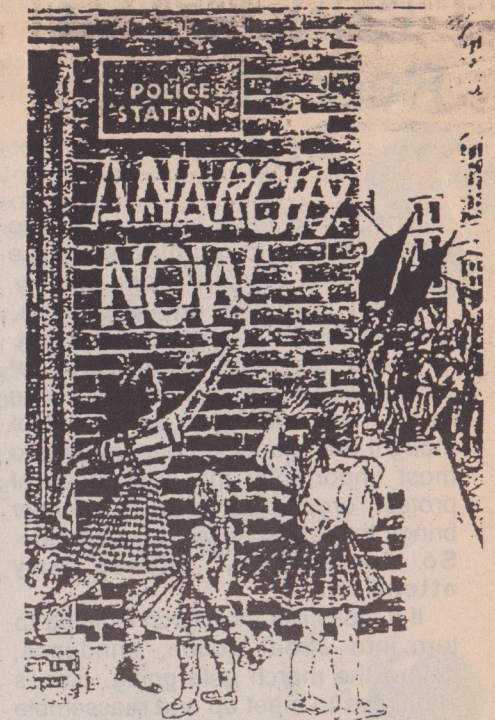
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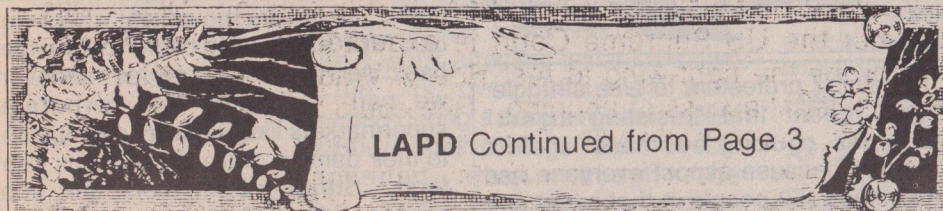
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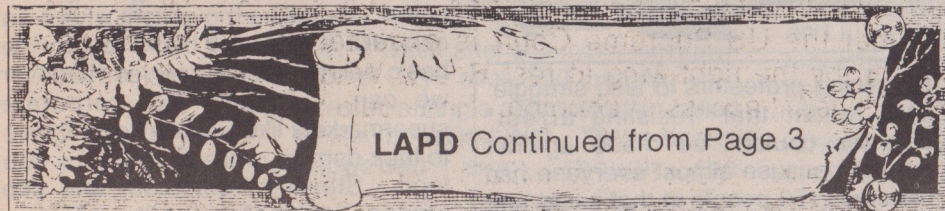


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The solution, from our perspective, is to develop grassroots organizations that are willing to take stands on these issues. We are not going to be able to pass enough laws or get enough progressive politicians to change this society enough to get it to be responsive to the needs of people of color. Just like the people in South Africa we are going to have to fight a national liberation struggle.

The fight for freedom for Black people is actually a fight for the humanity of all people. The only real question is whether white people will pursue a humane new world order--that would definitely be a new world order---or allow this racist one to continue.

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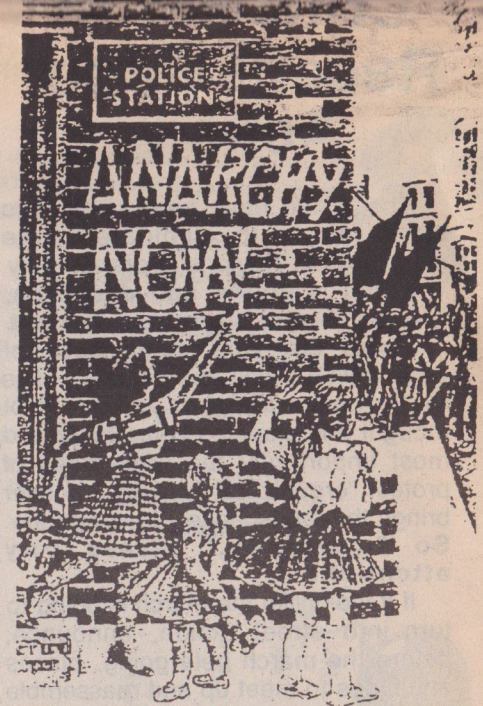
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BART and the streets in downtown



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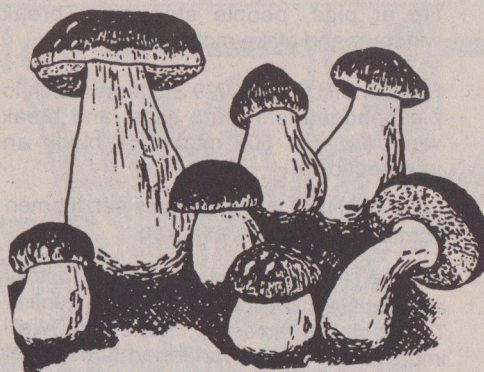
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Meanwhile, up to the mid-19th century the most widespread economic use of the colonies was for the production of legal drugs such as sugar (for itself and for alcohol), tobacco, coffee and tea.

This repression continues today. And for good reason, from the system's perspective. Use has been associated with political and cultural dissidents. And in the '60s, widespread use coincided with widespread rebellion (and was countered with the promotion of mind-deadening drugs such as heroin and cocaine). Unfortunately, many activists, even anarchists, have developed an attitude towards psychoactives which differs little from the official lines. In more than a few cases, this reflects a preference for alcohol, be it 'cause it's more "proletarian" or because "psychoactives equal brain damage." In other cases, I detect neo-Puritanism: "it's all drugs, and one should say no...people who get high are apathetic...any alteration is escapism...its unnatural."

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Straw says that there has always been a disturbing misogynist element to the gay male community. That is true. There has also been racism, classism, and heterosexism in the gay community. We all live in this society. Our sexuality does not make us immune from the socialization we all are subjected to. The misogyny he speaks of is the product of maleness, not gayness.

The point is that our sexuality is political. I will not sit quietly while straight people try to reduce the oppression I experience to straights freaking out at the sight of queers being queer. Heterosexism is a deeply ingrained form of institutionalized violence, similar to racism and sexism. It does not end with fag jokes and domestic partner laws. Every time I walk down the street with a male lover, I risk getting beaten up or killed. In some states I could be jailed simply for loving men. The straight community needs to deal with it's complicity in perpetuating this patriarchal heterosexist society. Damn I'm sick of this shit.

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# RIOTS ERUPT ACROSS THE NATION

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**PALO ALTO, CA:** 4/29, 4/30, 5/1 Thousands of students demonstrate.

**RIVERSIDE, CA:** 4/30 100 Students protest and toss molotov cocktails at vehicles.

**SAN DIEGO:** 4/30 Protestors burn flags, bombs thrown into storefront police office and an electronics store. 1000 marching students burn cops in effigy. 5/1 Snipers fire at pigs, people stop cars, break windows and strike motorists.

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National Guard helicopters patrol overhead. Heavy fighting breaks out, with 17 police injured! 50 arrests. Police car burned.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.:** Many marches, one attracting thousands. Small incidents of traffic blocking and scuffles with police. The following week, CNN showed riot footage of demonstrators protesting the King verdict and another incident of police brutality by setting fires in the street and throwing molotov cocktails.

**DENVER, CO:** 5/1 Rioting downtown with many windows smashed.

**BOULDER, CO:** 5/1 Several hundred people throw rocks and bottles at police.

**LAS VEGAS, NV:** Massive media blackout as riots rage for 16 out of the 18 days following the verdict. Three are killed and the National Guard are ordered into the city as large numbers of rioters burn buildings, loot, and smash windows on the west side of town. Firemen are shot at and retreat from trying to put out fires (over 90 fires started). Two police stations are

**OMAHA, NE and LINCOLN, NE:** 4/30 Violent demonstrators fuck shit up.

**JERSEY CITY, NJ:** 5/1 Windows smashed and stores looted.

**NEW ROCHELLE, NY:** 5/1 About 200 youths looted stores at a mall, police fired tear gas at protesters at a mall garage. The youths retaliated by overturning cars and throwing bricks at the pigs.

**NEW YORK CITY:** Numerous protests. One march engages in flag-burning, looting, attacks on police, but was pretty small. About 100 arrests.

**DALLAS, TX:** 4/30 Doing the riot thing.

**CHARLESTON, SC:** Taking it to the streets and fucking shit up.

**SEATTLE, WA:** 4/30 About 200 demonstrate downtown. Spontaneous rioting occurs afterwards with bank and yuppie shop windows going in accompanied by looting and car-tipping. 5/1 A violent rampage through downtown early in the morning was followed by a late afternoon demo that blocked traffic on the main freeway. Police car smashed with tire irons and baseball bats. Department store and jewelry shop windows smashed, along with many more. Another riot at 8pm went to the 12th Precinct police building where pigs guarding it were showered with the usual. Burning dumpster pushed into police lines. More stores had windows smashed. 182 arrests.

**OLYMPIA, WA:** 4/30 Hundreds of students interrupt the filming of a Madonna movie with protest.

**MADISON, WI:** 4/29 Someone smashed out the windows of 34 parked police cars and left the spray-painted messages "Justice for King" and "All Pigs Must Die." 5/1 200 students protest.

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**SAN JOSE:** On April 29, \$16,000 dollars in property damage was done to local businesses in a late night riot which started at San Jose State. Police cars were showered with rocks and bottles, and one man was arrested for carrying molotov cocktails. Around 100 arrests. More marches over the next few days.

**EL CERRITO, IRVINE, DAVIS, ARCATA, PERRIS, SAN MATEO, CA:** 4/30 protests.

**BERKELEY:** On April 30, hundreds of high school students left class and marched, meeting thousands of UC Berkeley students. The crowd marched through City Hall to the police station and then marched down to I-80. After evading numerous police blockades, the crowd made it to the Bay Bridge in Oakland, where 396 were arrested. Another march began at 5 pm and went to the police station and began smashing windows. Reportedly, police fired wooden bullets out the windows at the crowd. Later that night, massive rioting on Telegraph Avenue

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**EUGENE, OR:** 4/30 Hundreds of demonstrators occupied the Federal Building, smashing about a dozen windows and doors after a rally at the U. of Oregon. The next day, university students marched to a middle school to meet students who then blocked an intersection.

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**CHARLESTON, SC:** Taking it to the streets and fucking shit up.

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**OLYMPIA, WA:** 4/30 Hundreds of students interrupt the filming of a Madonna movie with protest.

**MADISON, WI:** 4/29 Someone smashed out the windows of 34 parked police cars and left the spray-painted messages "Justice for King" and "All Pigs Must Die." 5/1 200 students protest.

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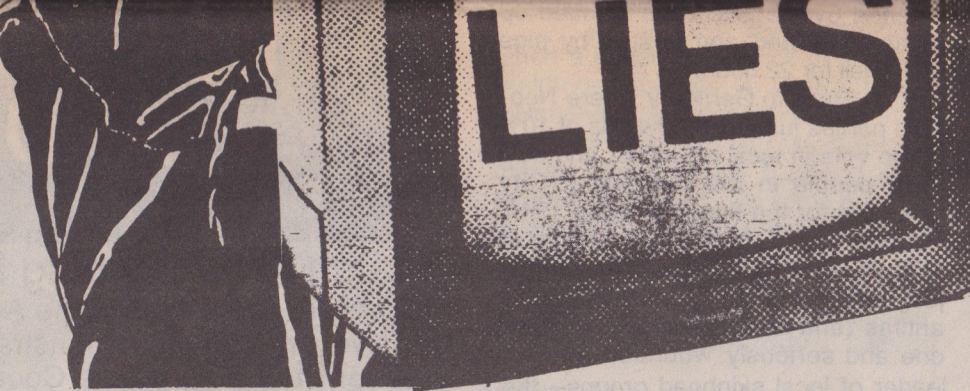
SAN JOSE: On April 29, \$16,000 dollars in property damage was done to local businesses in a late night riot which started at San Jose State. Police cars were showered with rocks and bottles, and one man was arrested for carrying molotov cocktails. Around 100 arrests. More marches over the next few days.

EL CERRITO, IRVINE, DAVIS, ARCATA, PERRIS, SAN MATEO, CA: 4/30 protests.

BERKELEY: On April 30, hundreds of high school students left class and marched, meeting thousands of UC Berkeley students. The crowd marched through City Hall to the police station and then marched down to I-80. After evading numerous police blockades, the crowd made it to the Bay Bridge in Oakland, where 396 were arrested. Another march began at 5 pm and went to the police station and began smashing windows. Reportedly, police fired wooden bullets out the windows at the crowd. Later that night, massive rioting on Telegraph Avenue leads to the extensive looting of several shops, burning of cars, battering of police with rocks & bottles, and 68 arrests. 7pm curfew for the weekend.

OAKLAND: 4/30 Over 150 arrests as demonstrators smash windows, set fires, and fight cops. One cop shot in the hand. High school students march, block traffic, and clash with cops.

MARIN COUNTY, CA: 5/1 Hundreds of high school students block the Golden Gate Bridge at noon.



MIAMI: 5/1 Students march on police station. Another group runs through a shopping mall.

EUGENE, OR: 4/30 Hundreds of demonstrators occupied the Federal Building, smashing about a dozen windows and doors after a rally at the U. of Oregon. The next day, university students marched to a middle school to meet students who then blocked an intersection.

AUSTIN, TX: Students march into state capitol building.

WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI: College students riot, smashing windows and overturning a car.

ATLANTA, GA: 4/30 Rioters smash windows, loot stores, and beat white passerby. Government buildings attacked, cars overturned, police hit with rocks and bottles. Curfew set. 5/1 Pigs, trying to keep students on the Georgia State campus, fire tear gas at the crowd.

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PITTSBURGH, PA: 5/1 Fires set and windows broken. White man in telephone booth beaten.

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HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA: Rioting & Looting.

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\*Bread & Puppet Theatre Festival  
June 27-28, Glover VT

\*Earth First Round River Rendezvous,  
June 27-July 4, Paragosa Springs area  
of southwest Colorado. Contact EF!  
RRR, POB 1166, Boulder Co 80306

\*21st Annual Rainbow Gathering, July

1-7, Colorado (close to RRR). Contact: 1705 14th St., Suite 359, Boulder CO 80302; (303) 494-2214.

\*Trash the Democratic Party National Convention and establish Central Park Liberated Zone Encampment, New York City, July 13-16. Contact: Con-Dem-92 Convention, Box 20950, Tompkins Sq. Pk. Sta., NY 10009

\*And, the same for the Republicans. International gathering at the Republican National Convention, Houston TX, Aug. 16-21. Create Temporary Autonomous Zones starting Aug. 14. Contact: Rob Los Ricos 504 W. 24th St., Austin TX 78705.



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